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HPD K-9 Unit Brings Home Several Awards

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The Harrisonburg Police Department will be displaying new awards after several top finishes in a recent competition.

Five HPD K-9 officers and canines participated in the 2009 Virginia Police Canine Association's Iron Dog Competition. The competition was hosted by Fauquier County Sheriff's Office with participants from 30 other agencies.

The event consisted of a series of exercises that encompasses about a one and one half mile course. The exercises tested the canines' ability to perform under extreme conditions and their ability to follow strict commands.

K-9 Unit Sergeant Rod Pollard and canine Nobel took top honors after placing first in the overall event. They also won first in the explosive vehicle search and second in the explosive package search.

K-9 Officer Shawn Morris and canine Nikki placed second in a narcotics vehicle search.

K-9 Officer Brian Moyers and canine Robi placed third in the narcotics vehicle search and third in the muzzle event.